

Subject: Dr LEVYTSKYI Volodymyr of New York, N.Y.
his visit to Dr Kl on 23 Mar 1965

Source : as usual

Date : 20 Mar 1965

1. Subject stayed at Dr Kl's house on 23 Mar 1965 from 10.00 to 14.30 hrs. They talked in presense of Eve. The initiative came from Subject who "had very important matters to tell Dr Kl".

2. According to Subject, on Sunday, 21 Mar 1965, he had a 2 hour talk with Sergei SHEVCHENKO, head of Ukrainian Permanent Mission in New York. The latter invited Subject for lunch and to discuss on this occasion some very important problems. CHERNIAVSKYI was not present. SHEVCHENKO should have pointed out that he was very unhappy about the fact that so far he had had no opportunity to get through to the emigration. According to Subject he (SHEVCHENKO) did not conceal his dissatisfaction at "detouring" him in contacts with emigration and leaving everything to people who had come from Kiev, like Palamarchuk, Kolossova, and Levashchenko. He bluntly told Subject that his contacts with emigration are at the present even worse than before because KYZIA was much more successful in this respect. At Kyzia's time there were people coming to the mission like OLESNYTSKYI, SARMACH and others. Now, no one, except for Dr Kl is coming or rather has come once and that's it. SHEVCHENKO asked why nothing came out of Rutgers University affair, why neither SARMACH, nor HONCHAK dared come to the mission.

In Subject's view such a situation or rather its interpretation by Shevchenko is very unfavorable for further development of contacts between Kl and her friends on the one hand and Kiev and Mission on the other. Much depends on Shevchenko and in Subject's opinion he is able either to help or to impede the issue. It is quite probable that Kolossova

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does not reply Dr Kl because she is waiting for Shevchenko's opinion. Kolossova returned from her trip from USA and Canada with very great hopes and presented the whole problem very rosy. Shevchenko is much more critical and now after things have stopped moving, Kolossova must be in a rather embarrassing position. Shevchenko has developed quite a strong resentment because of no progress along his own line and if things remain as they are he hardly will be willing to help Kolossova and Dr Kl in their contacts.

In his turn - according to Subject - SHEVCHENKO is willing and ready now to do something about it and above all to improve his own affairs. He is planning to give a Ukrainian Evening at the Mission in the near future and wants to invite the Soviet Mission, particularly FEDORENKO himself, satellite - missions, some Western diplomatic circles and by all means at least 10 emigres. This is actually what he has invited Subject for, i.e. to ask him that Dr Kl gets those 10 emigres for the Evening. Subject stressed that Dr Kl should do it because it was mandatory "at the present state of affairs". This was the only way to 'placate' Shevchenko and win his support for further development of cultural contacts via Dr Kl - Kolossova.

Then Dr Kl replied that "at the present state of affairs" she doubted whether she herself would come now to the Evening. Subject was almost furious and started all over again to argue how important it was "to do something for Shevchenko's Evening".

Shevchenko would like to invite primarily young people, for instance, those from Rutgers University, and others.

In Subject's opinion if Dr Kl would not come to the Evening this could mean complete rupture of all contacts between her and her friends in Kiev. Of course, this would be disastrous and she should avoid it.

More and more to show that Dr. Kalso has contacts with emigration and if he fails, never forget it Dr. Kl.

Dr. Kalso will certainly come to the meeting. He is a Ukrainian and Shevchenko told Subject that Dr. Fedorenko comes now from time to time to Ukrainian Mission and has started recently to talk to them only in Ukrainian.

3. According to Subject the group that would go to Ukraine should also see Shevchenko prior to their departure because this would help very much both - them and Shevchenko.

Subject stressed that the group should not be political but cultural. Also there was no need for a large group. Even 10, or 5 people will do. Moreover that only Dr. Kl and Eve will have the opportunity to talk to Soviet ^{competent} personalities and the rest of the group will do sightseeing. Therefore Dr. Kl should choose a good deputy who would be able to handle the group while she will be negotiating. In his opinion Dr. Kl is rushing things and involving too much politics. This was bad. She should strictly restrict herself to cultural matters and religious question. But she should go to Ukraine and use the opportunity to talk to competent people there because here no one was capable to do anything in this respect.

There are many Ukrainian patriots in official circles in Ukraine, there are people like Cherniavskiy and others, and they need the help of emigration. This help must be given in a prudent, gradual, well balanced way. Any too pointed problems and unrealistic demands will only worsen the issue and serve the opposite purpose.

Dr. Kl and Eve will be given regular visas while the others will get tourist visas. Dr. Kl and Eve will be admitted anywhere they would like to go.

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Subject knows how difficult it is to organize a good group for Ukraine and, for instance, YAREMKO of Chicago, Ill. ^{has} made so far practically no progress. But there is no need to be worried about it - according to Subject. Dr Kl and Eve could go alone because they will be the only ones involved in negotiations. On the other hand, the other members of the group might only complicate their matters by making harmful statements and critiques of what they will see and hear in the Ukraine. And above all, the group must be cultural and not political.

4. Another reason for which Dr Kl and her friends should not expect now political any concessions from Kiev and Moscow was the present situation on the top in the Kremlin. Ukrainian clique in the Kremlin cannot do very much for Ukrainians as long as their position remains unstabilized. Moreover, Brezhnev and Kosygin themselves "are in a shaky state". They could be removed any time because so far they did nothing successful in internal and external politics. This meant that they could not complicate their affairs by any additional involvements in nationalities policy and one should have some understanding for their "predicament". It will take some time until Ukrainian clique starts doing something for their compatriots.

5. According to Subject, Shevchenko was very much interested in religious or rather church-problems. He told Subject that in about 2 years the church - problem in West Ukraine will be solved in favor of Ukrainian Catholic church. Shevchenko will write a long report to Kiev on the ~~subject~~ topic and support the view favorable for Ukrainian Catholics. He should have stressed that until now only Moscow was competent in religious matters but lately also Kiev government began to intervene. Shevchenko assured Subject that Ukrainian government will support his recommendation to positively resolve religious question in West Ukraine.

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Three times Subject mentioned that he wondered whether he should not "save ~~himself~~ some money" and make a trip to Rome to see Cardinal Slipyi.

According to Dr Kl it was obvious that he wanted to ask her to help him to get to the Cardinal. Dr Kl did not respond.

5. Subject was very furious when told by Dr Kl that no friends of her from and around the Round Table Club were going to talk with him or Tolopko about "com on pressure on Kiev and Moscow". He called them cowards, complained that STASHIV did not help him when he was expelled from the meeting on 19 Mar 1969 in New York, and then mentioned something to the effect that actually he would prefer eventually to talk to NOVYTSKYI Valentin than to have anything to do with Stakhiv. Dr Kl replied that as far as she knew NOVYTSKYI was of the same opinion as Stakhiv and therefore Subject should have no doubts whatsoever in this respect.

Subject expressed his indignancy at mixing him up with Tolopko, because the latter is a communist and he himself is not. Consequently, nationalists could talk with Subject.

7. Shevchenko told Subject that now the concept of amalgamation of nations in the USSR has been completely abandoned. Since several months no one is talking about it in the Soviet Union. In Subject's opinion this was his and his friends' work. People like Subject, Sichynskyi, and others criticized for years their mistakes in nationalities policy and forced them to correct many things. That's why Dr Kl should also go there and talk to people, moreover that she enjoys great confidence ~~among~~ among her friends in Kiev. They will listen to her knowing that she meant it well. Changes in the Ukraine are "inescapable", things are getting better and better and by proper tactics, Ukrainian have much to win. All Ukrainians, incl. emigration. As examples of how much things have changed for the better in the Ukraine, Subject mentioned the following:

- recently they printed in Kiev an article by Ostryk Hrytsi about
Mushyns (the slugs),

- they print also, Kostink; Levenuk printed the second document in
Washington, D.C. in Radianska Kultura,

- more and more people in Kiev and other cities began to talk Ukrainian,
there is a general revival of interest in Ukrainian affairs, history and
culture,

- and finally, as we already has mentioned - the abandoned the concept
of racial reaction of nations.

According to Subject it was a pity Dr Kl had little opportunity
to talk to Irena WILDE because the latter was just one of those who
helped very much to promote Ukrainian culture.

8. Subject mentioned that Ukrainian emigre writers should try
to publish their works in Ukraine. Kiev would gladly help them. Also if there
were mathematicians, astronomers and others who would like their works
to be printed in Ukraine, Subject had no doubt, Kiev would be
interested.

9. At 11:00 hrs SPYTIIVSKYI phoned Subject and told her that
a large number of letters from Vitali to New York were progressing
and as soon as he knows something definite he will notify, giving her
and her friends at least 6-7 days to prepare the poetry evening.
Subject commented afterwards that he knew about the poetry evening of
Korotych in New York and tomorrow TOLOPKO will phone KRAVCHUK about it.
(Kravchuk of Toronto, Canada).

/A.B. The poetry evening of Korotych will be sponsored by
young poets and writers organized in "Slouso".